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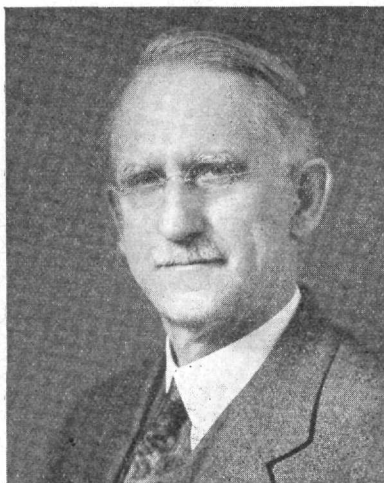
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The 1935-36 editor of the Ohio State Engineer, Mr. Howard M. Crusey, little realized the terrible chance he was taking in inviting me to address a farewell message to the seniors. In other words to direct a "parting shot." I cannot tell you just now, as I begin to pen this, whether it will be a "sixteen inch shell" or a "twenty-two short."

Five times, during the past fifteen years, I have appeared in the print of this magazine in a message of welcome to the freshmen, but never have I been given an opportunity to tell the seniors how glad we are to get rid of them. A year ago in the number corresponding to this one there was a message, accompanied by a cut of "yours truly"—which did not improve the article one bit—in which I referred entirely to the doings and sayings at a celebrated dinner in Chicago where all were guests of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors Corporation. The comments, which I now will make, are more in the nature of an admonition of father to son realizing, of course, that by some of you we are looked upon as old-fashioned.

In my examination of the back numbers of the magazine I discovered that, when you entered as freshmen, I painted for you many of the glories of engineering, its accomplishments in fifty years which resulted in the many comforts which you have been enjoying, and, I suspect, rather unconsciously so. Four years ago my responsibility was to point out to you, on the mountain of opportunity, the beauties of the first clearing at the four year elevation. You are there now, and I will wager that for

many it has been the toughest climb you have ever had, and it will continue to hold that reputation for many years, maybe always. Ah yes! but you cannot comprehend now the intense satisfaction you are to derive in looking back over that rough and rugged path over which you have made your way. A part of that roughness may have been due to that mistaken notion, which some students have that a certain instructor "has it in for me." In order to leave this campus with a "clean bill of health" go to that man, tell him how you feel, and, in all probability, you will find "it was all a mistake." You will be surprised at how much brighter everything about you will appear and the added enthusiasm you will have for tackling what is before you. Enthusiasm is one of the very necessary things for success which we, your instructors, hope you will attain. One of the greatest satisfactions we have is knowing of the successes of our boys. Your greatest competitors are the graduates of other universities, therefore, your success adds to the reputation of this institution to which you owe so much.

We regret exceedingly to see you go. We hope, as years go by, you will continue to show your interest by visiting your college now and then, even if it takes a football game to bring you back. Come early so you will have time to tell us all your experiences and, incidentally, to tell us what we should do next in engineering education.

—Dean EMBURY A. HITCHCOCK